



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6972

January Session, 2015



AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-251 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 There shall be within the Department of Administrative Services a
4 Codes and Standards Committee whose duty it shall be to work with
5 the State Building Inspector in the enforcement of this part and the
6 State Fire Marshal in the enforcement of part II of this chapter as set
7 forth herein. The committee shall be composed of [twenty-one] twenty-
8 three members, residents of the state, appointed by the Commissioner
9 of Administrative Services as follows: (1) Two shall be architects
10 licensed in the state of Connecticut; (2) three shall be professional
11 engineers licensed in the state of Connecticut, two of whom shall
12 practice either structural, mechanical or electrical engineering but in no
13 event shall both of such members represent the same specialty, and
14 one of whom shall be a practicing fire protection engineer or
15 mechanical engineer with extensive experience in fire protection; (3)
16 two shall be builders or superintendents of construction, one of whom
17 shall have expertise in residential construction and one of whom shall
18 have expertise in nonresidential construction; (4) one shall be a public
19 health official; (5) two shall be building officials; (6) [two] four shall be
20 local fire marshals; (7) one shall be a Connecticut member of a national

21 building trades labor organization; (8) one shall have expertise in
 22 matters relating to energy efficiency; (9) four shall be public members,
 23 one of whom shall have expertise in matters relating to accessibility
 24 and use of facilities by the physically disabled and who shall be
 25 selected from a list of names submitted by the Office of Protection and
 26 Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities; (10) one shall be a contractor
 27 licensed to perform electrical work or a member of a state-wide
 28 electrical trades labor organization; (11) one shall be a contractor
 29 licensed to perform plumbing and piping work or a member of a state-
 30 wide plumbing trades labor organization; and (12) one shall be a
 31 contractor licensed to perform heating, piping and cooling work or a
 32 member of a state-wide heating and cooling trades labor organization.
 33 Each member, other than the public members, shall have had not less
 34 than ten years' practical experience in such member's profession or
 35 business. The committee shall adopt regulations in accordance with
 36 the provisions of chapter 54 governing the procedure of the committee.
 37 Members who fail to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per
 38 cent of all meetings during a calendar year shall be deemed to have
 39 resigned. The committee may, within the limits of appropriations
 40 provided therefor, employ such assistants as may be necessary to
 41 conduct its business.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	29-251
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PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*